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Dear

FREEDOM OF INFORMATION – COVID-19

I write in response to your request for information in relation to Covid-19 and Ferryfield House.

Question:

1. Total amount of deaths where COVID-19 was noted as the sole cause of death within Ferryfield House Hospital from 2020-2024

Answer:

This information is not held. As per Section 17 of the Freedom of Information (Scotland) Act 2002 formally I must advise that we do not hold this information. We would advise that you contact National Records of Scotland (NRS) for a more comprehensive answer to this request. Their contact details are foi@nrscotland.gov.uk

NHS Lothian cannot answer all questions completely. NRS have provided NHS Lothian with death certificates from 2007. Therefore information prior to that date is not held nor included below.

Similarly the distinct of “sole cause” cannot be answered based on the information NRS have provided. The methodology for doing so is set out by the Office of National Statistics and relies on data items not passed to the Health Board by NRS.

Question:

2. Total amount of deaths where COVID-19 was noted as the underlying cause of death within Ferryfield House Hospital from 2020-2024

Answer:

Deaths at Ferryfield House where:	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024
COVID was underlying cause of death	9	5<	5<	0	0

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Source: Death Certification File provided by NRS

An age breakdown cannot be provided due to the small number of patients involved.

Question

3. Total amount of deaths from all causes within Ferryfield House Hospital from since when earliest records are available to 2024

Answer:

Year	Deaths
2007	55
2008	91
2009	73
2010	46
2011	56
2012	62
2013	46
2014	45
2015	57
2016	67
2017	67
2018	84
2019	78
2020	78
2021	89
2022	89
2023	93
2024	62

Source: Death Certification File provided by NRS

To protect the identity of the individuals involved any figure of 5 or less has not been shown in this response. Since we do not have their consent to release this data from their records, the information is exempt under section 38(1)(b) of the Freedom of Information (Scotland) Act i.e. to provide it would breach the Data Protection Act (2018). For the same reason we cannot provide breakdowns of figures.

I hope the information provided helps with your request.

If you are unhappy with our response to your request, you do have the right to request us to review it. Your request should be made within 40 working days of receipt of this letter, and we will reply within 20 working days of receipt. If our decision is unchanged following a review and you remain dissatisfied with this, you then have the right to make a formal complaint to the Scottish Information Commissioner within 6 months of receipt of our review response. You can do this by using the Scottish Information Commissioner's Office online appeals service at www.itspublicknowledge.info/Appeal. If you remain dissatisfied with the Commissioner's response you then have the option to appeal to the Court of Session on a point of law.

If you require a review of our decision to be carried out, please write to the FOI Reviewer at the email address at the head of this letter. The review will be undertaken by a Reviewer who was not involved in the original decision-making process.

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Yours sincerely

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